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AIR FREIGHT UP 0.7 PER CENT IN FIRST EIGHT MONTHS DOWN 7.8 PER CENT IN AUGUST

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 1--The U. S. scheduled airlines recorded a 0.7 per cent increase in air freight in domestic and international service in the first eight months of 1979 compared with the same period in 1978, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight was up 0.5 per cent from the first eight months of 1978. Mail increased 4.2 per cent. International air freight increased 1.2 per cent, while mail decreased 7.1 per cent.

Total air cargo, in both domestic and international service, for 21 U. S. scheduled airlines, including domestic trunk, international, local service and all-cargo carriers, increased 0.8 per cent from the same period last year.

Total air freight decreased 7.8 per cent in August compared with August 1978. Domestic air freight decreased 7.5 per cent while international freight was down 8.3 per cent for the month of August.

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U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

Revenue Ton Miles
(In Thousands)

	Domestic			International			Total	TOTAL
	Freight	Mail	Total	Freight	Mail	Total	Freight	CARGO
August 1979	289,184	67,996	357,180	172,308	25,109	197,417	461,492	554,597
August 1978	312,646	63,833	376,479	187,959	27,210	215,169	500,605	591,648
% Change	-7.5	+6.5	-5.1	-8.3	-7.7	-8.3	-7.8	-6.3
8 Months 1979	2,269,270	531,935	2,801,205	1,409,242	199,149	1,608,391	3,678,512	4,409,596
8 Months 1978	2,258,848	510,665	2,769,513	1,392,441	214,384	1,606,825	3,651,289	4,376,338
% Change	+0.5	+4.2	+1.1	+1.2	-7.1	+0.1	+0.7	+0.8

Note: These figures do not include the international operations of Northwest Airlines.

Carriers included: Airlift, Allegheny, American, Braniff International, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Flying Tiger, Frontier, Hughes Airwest, National, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, Republic, Seaboard, Texas International, Trans World, United and Western.